

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Thursday, November 17, 1726.

From the St. James's Evening Post, Nov. 10.

Pekin in China, August 1, 1725.

TWO remarkable Things happened some Time since in this Empire, which may prove very advantageous to the propagating the Christian Religion in these Parts: The first was that the Thunder and Lightning consumed the Temple dedicated to Confucius, with all the inestimable Treasure of Jewels and other precious Things which the Emperors, Mandarins, and other Persons of Distinction, have offered for many Centuries past to this great Philosopher and Prophet. The Fire was so fierce, that it was not possible to stop it, or to save the least Thing from its Fury; nay the very Tomb and Bones of this Prophet, which the Chinese have venerated these 2000 Years, were devoured by the Flames, so that not the least Distinguishing Mark of them remains. The other was, That on the 7th Day of the 6th Moon, according to the Chinese Almanack, of the 3d Year of the present Emperor Yun Chim's Reign, which after the Christian Computation, answers the 16th of July, there appeared in the Air just over the Town of Leu Hieu, depending on the City of Sum-Hiam in the Province of Naukim, a white Cross, about 20 Chinese Yards in Length, the Head whereof was turned to the West, and the Foot to the East, to which was joined a Chalice, over which three Nails were seen. This mysterious Phænomenon was seen at the setting of the Sun over the Temple which the illustrious Family of Tay has dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. All which is witnessed both by Christians and Gentiles.

Hague, Nov. 12. Last Saturday-morning the M. de Fenelon Ambassador of France, went to the President of the Week, and desired a Conference with the States General: Whereupon their High Mightinesses resolved to send immediately a solemn Deputation of their Members to his House; who went accordingly a little before Noon, and tarried with him till past One a-clock. The Gentlemen who composed this Deputation, want Words to express their Satisfaction in the obliging Manner of

the Marquis's Reception; but much more in the Subject of his Conference, which ran altogether upon the present Posture of Affairs in Europe, and the King his Master's Zeal for the common Cause; and was in effect a sort of Repetition of what Cardinal de Fleury told Mynheer Boreel our Ambassador a few Days before; to wit, That his Most Christian Majesty had nothing so much at Heart, as the Performance of his Engagements with the Allies of the Treaty of Hanover, from which nothing should divert him, so long as his Allies act with the same Fidelity; That it is Time to enter into effectual Measures to oppose the ambitious Designs which some Powers have formed against the Peace and Tranquillity of Europe, &c. He larded his Discourse with the most magnificent Encomiums upon the *bona fide* of France: And their H. Mightinesses Deputies were not behind-hand with him in their Assurances of the Sincerity of this Republick. After which, they returned to their H. Mightinesses Assembly, and gave them an Account of what had pass'd.

Bologna, Oct. 29. On the 27th the Pretender took an Airing with his eldest Son without the Gate Marmola, and in the Evening they saw a Comedy. Yesterday being the Festival of St. Simon, they had the usual Horse-race of the Barbaries; and the Pretender had the Pleasure of seeing it from the Balcony of the Palace of Sigr. Allamandi, who afterwards gave him a very splendid Collation of all manner of Refreshments.

Leghorn, Oct. 26. By a French Tartan that is come in 18 Days from Algiers, we have received Advice, That they were fitting out with all Expedition 5 Corsairs, to go and join 4 others that are still at Sea; That a Spanish Ship with Wine from the Canaries has been brought in to Algiers, and that the Crew, consisting of 16 Persons, were made Slaves.

Dantzick, Oct. 26. Our Magistrates have not only lessened the Garrison of the Fort of Weysselmund to 150 Men, but have also recalled the Detachments placed in our advanc'd Posts.

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Paris, Nov. 8. Monday last there was an extraordinary Council in Presence of the Cardinal de Fleury, the Marshals de Villars, Uzelles, and Tallard, and Mr. Horace Walpole, the British Ambassador, was also called to it. On the 5th the King put on a Perwig for the first Time, because his Hair fell off ever since his late Illness.

London, Nov. 10. His Majesty and their R. Highnesses came to see an Italian Comedy at the Haymarket last Monday-night; and next Day his Majesty sent to forbid the Play that was intended to be there as last Night by the Italian Comedians.

Letters from Petersburg dated the 1st of October advise, That the Gourd Fregat, Adam Spencer Master, from London, arrived there some Days before, and in her the fine Sett of Plate which was made in this City for the Czarina; which on the Ship's Arrival was carried to the House of Prince Menzikoff, and put into an Apartment there on several Tables: And that the Czarina with her Courtiers went twice to view it, (the last Time by Candle-light) and expressed a wonderful Satisfaction and Pleasure at its Richness and curious Workmanship, it far exceeding any Thing of that Kind that ever appeared there.

His Majesty hath been pleased to grant his Letters Patent to Thomas Benson, late of the County of Durham, but now of Newcastle in Staffordshire, Engineer, for the sole Use of a new Engine invented by him for grinding of Flint Stone liquid for the Use of Potters; whereby the said Ingredient is most expeditiously done to the greatest Perfection imaginable, without Dust or Damage to the Workmen employed therein.

Exon, Nov. 5. Last Tuesday-night were brought hither from Biddeford, and committed to our Jail, Seven Irishmen for being enlisted into Foreign Service. 'Tis said there were 70 of them in all, under Command of one Capt. O'Donnoughy and two inferior Officers: Four of them are Brothers, and can speak no English; but the other give an Account, in stead of a better, That they were decoyed on board a Vessel lying near Cork, and there detained Prisoners, and knew nothing of the Matter, as to the Place whither they were bound, or what to do. The Sloop in which they were transporting, was cast away at Padstow (as we said before.) These Seven took their Way to Biddeford, in hopes to get a Passage to Ireland. The Officers have made their Escape, but 'tis said more of their Recruits are apprehended in Cornwall.

We hear from Road in Sommersetshire, That a new Spring of Mineral Waters, called the *Anchor Spring*, is discovered in that Town, and is much approved of by many eminent Physicians, for curing the King's Evil and Scorbutick Humours.

Benefit TICKETS drawn in the present State LOTTERY, on *Tuesday* the 8th and *Wednesday* the 9th being the 44th and 45th Days.

Num.	Value.	Num.	Value.	Num.	Value
27794	100	11784	100	61694	100
1918	100	30954	100	74501	100
99663	500	30435	100	56413	500
283	1000	24535	100	85724	100
16911	100	68217	100	90634	100
55283	3000	45256	100	62138	500
67221	100	6925	100	47591	100
27010	100	2640	100	49422	100
50934	100	18222	100	7500	100

And 312 of 20 L. each.

Total drawn from the Beginning, 7107.

From the Whitehall Evening-Post, Nov. 9.

Lucern, Nov. 7. Count Daun the Imperial Governor of Milan, hath ordered a great Number of Horses to be bought up in this Country, for recruiting the Imperial Regiments in the Milanese, and all the Places of that Dutchy, are to be put into a good State of Defence. The 25th past, the Council of 200 assembled at Genoa and sat several Hours, at the Close whereof an extraordinary Courier was dispatched to the Marquis Doria, the Genoese Envoy at Vienna, but with what Dispatches we know not; however some pretend that the Republick of Genoa is disposed to accede to the Treaty of Vienna.

Vienna, Nov. 2. The 31st past two Couriers arrived from Petersburg, with the Ratification of the last concluded Treaty, between his Imperial Majesty and the Czarina, and those of the Electors of Cologn and Bavaria are soon expected. Yesterday arrived a Courier from Sweden, with the Disagreeable News, that a Majority of the States persisted in a Resolution to accede to the Treaty of Hanover, which they reckon will be more conducive to the Interest of the Nation than that of Vienna; and although the Imperial and Russian Ministers made the utmost Efforts against it, yet the States, and especially the Clergy, could not be prevailed with to alter their Sentiments. So that the Swedish Ambassador Count Tessin goes next Week from hence to Stockholm, and takes with him new and more fa-

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yourable Propositions on the Part of his Imperial Majesty. The Affair of the Prussian Defensive Alliance is not yet brought to Perfection, being postponed on Account of some Points in Dispute, which in the End perhaps, may not be unacceptable to the Allies of the Hanover Treaty.

By our Accounts from Turin, there seems much more Appearance that the King of Sardinia will prefer the Treaty of Hanover to that of Vienna.

From the Evening Post, Nov. 10.

Petersburg, Oct. 22. Two Years are appointed for the Czarowitz to go thorough his Studies: He constantly attends the Lessons set him by the Professors of the College of Sciences, of which he is shortly to be declared Protector.

London, Nov. 10. The Amount of the India Sale on Thursday last was 802,100 l.

The Commissioners of the Excise have within few Days past convicted several Victuallers for selling Beer or Ale, without the Qualification required by the late Act, and levied the Fine upon them, mitigating the same in some Cases where they found Reason so to do.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Nov. 12.

Since our last arrived a Mail from France.

THE Master of a Vessel lately arrived at Rochelle from S. Domingo, relates that an English Ship of 40 Guns was trading, contrary to the Prohibitions, on the Spanish Coasts of St. Domingo; but the Spanish Governor having Notice of it, sent against her a Man of War of 50 Guns: They fought vigorously for the Space of 7 Hours, and at length the English Ship was obliged to surrender, having but 10 Men left on board; and of the Spaniards were slain 200 Men in the Engagement.

But we suspend our Belief of the above News, till there is a Confirmation. Mean-time 'tis certain the Government of Spain was never so embarrassed as they are at present by the Detention of the Galleons; and yet such is their Pride, that rather than comply to the Proposals offered by his Britannick Majesty, they will run the utmost Length possible; leaving no Means untried that may furnish them with Money for paying their Troops, and making large Remittances to the Emperor: In order to which, besides the Demands as mentioned in our former, they talk of selling several Titles in the Indies, and of other such extraordinary Ways.

In the Accounts given of the Proceedings in the

Diet at Grodno, we are told amongst the rest, that on the 18th past the States after reading the King of Great Britain's Letter, came to a Resolution not only to refuse Mr. Finch an Audience, but also not to admit any Minister from his Britannick Majesty. And at the same Time they say, the House was very well satisfied with the King of France's Manner of Writing.

The Emperor continues as stiff as ever, and the Company which he has erected in the Austrian Netherlands still goes on in such a Manner as shews they are under no Apprehensions of being molested or disturbed in their Commerce. But we are well assured that Expresses were dispatched Yesterday to Vienna and Madrid, to represent how contrary the carrying on of Trade to the Indies, is to the most Solemn Treaties; and that it a Stop be not put to it within a limited Time, all Opportunities will be taken to seize their Ships.

S. S. Stock is risen to 99 1 half. The Drawing of the State Lottery being to end on Tuesday or Wednesday at farthest, there are such Doings in Exchange Alley as are surprizing to behold. Undrawn Tickets are now at 16 L. and the Hire of a Horse or Ticket for one Day, is now come up to 2 L. 8 sh.

One Fifth-part of the Office of Marshall of the King's Bench Prison, late the Estate of Robert Knight, formerly Cashier of the S. S. Company, and who was look'd upon as a Tool made for the Destruction of the Nation in the memorable Year 1720, was put up to Sale last Wednesday, and purchased by Mr. Bishop, one of the Tip slaves to the Court of Common Pleas, for 1800 l.

Letters from York say, that his R. Highness's Birth-day was celebrated at Marston, *as before.*

They write from Dublin, that on the 4th Inst. being the Anniversary of the Birth of the late K. William, a splendid Company of the Nobility made a Tour round his Statue on College-Green, attended by a Troop of Horse; and afterwards passing to the Statue of his present Majesty, they went to the Theatre, where the Play of *Tamerlane* was acted with universal Applause.

The Honourable Sir John Dolbin Prebendary of Durham, is to preach before the Sons of the Clergy at the ensuing Feast.

The Sale of the E. India Company is near One Million.



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Portsmouth, Nov. 10. The 4th Inst. in the Morning five Sail of Sir Charles Wager's Squadron that were fitted out here, viz, the Monmouth, Bedford, Captain, Yarmouth, and Prince Frederick, arrived at Spithead from Copenhagen, after a long and stormy Passage of 16 Days. These Ships sailed from Spithead the Beginning of April last. The same Morning that these Ships arrived, the Kent, Lenox, Royal Oak, and Berwick, came into Harb'our to be sheathed, and Men work at the Dock Day and Night about them. 'Tis now said, that the two first are going to the W. Indies. About 150 sick Men were sent ashore from these Ships.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, Nov. 12.

Hamburg, Nov. 8. Letters from the Polish Frontiers say, That the Troops of Lithuania were in Motion; and that the Lieutenant-Generals expected daily Orders from the Great General to march, but whither was not talked of.

London, Nov. 12. On Thursday the Duk of Norfolk arrived in Town.

From Miff's Weekly Journal, Nov. 12.

They write from Antwerp, That the People begin to feel the Advantages of the India Trade more and more, the Company trading mostly with the Product of their own Country, whereas some other Companies have carried on that Traffick chiefly with Money, to which is attributed the decrease of Silver Specie in Europe. Great Quantities of Brusel Camlets have been lately bought up to go with the next Ships; and a magnificent Set of Harness has been made, for which the Company gave four Thousand Florins, which is to be sent as a Present to the great Mogul's Vice-Roy of Carmondel.

The Advices from Poland give us but little Hopes of seeing the Religious Grievances redressed, at least by any Mediation that has yet been used;—for some of the Nuncios declared, that the Diet ought not to listen to any Proposals made by Foreign Princes; the Republick having a Right to execute its own Laws, without giving Account thereof to any Person whatsoever. That as to the King of Prussia, he should be acknowledged as King in Prussia, but not of Prussia; and that only in case he restored to the Republick the Territory of Elbing, and satisfied the Republick's other Demands.

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¶ There is to be exposed to voluntar Roup and Sale, on Thursday the 15th of December 1726, in the House of Patrick Herdman Vintner, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 4 after Noon, the Town and Lands of CRAIGLOCKHART, Tower, Fortalice, Mannor-place, Houses, Biggings, Yards,

and Pertinents thereto belonging; being a good fertile Soils pleasantly situate, having large Conveniency for Pasturage on the Hills belonging thereto; with the Houses and Stone-Quarrey pertaining to the same in Sclateford. There is a large handsome House two Storey high, lately built on the said Lands, possessed by the Tenant, besides several other Conveniencies; such as a Brewary possessed by a Sub-tenant, a convenient Seat in the Church, and the like; lying about two Miles West from Edinburgh, in the Sheriffdom thereof, Parish of Hails, alias Colington. The Lands hold Blanche of the Crown. The Rental, Conditions of Roup, and Rights, are to be seen in the Hands of Thomas Johnston Writer in Edinburgh, in Mr. Alison of Birkhill's Writing-chamber in Carrubber's Close, on the North-side of the Street, above the Bishop's Land.

¶ That the Lands and Baronies of LOUNAN, ETHIE, and NORTHARRIE, to be set up at Twenty one Years Purchase, and reckoning the Vidual over-head at Five Pounds Scots the Boll: are to be exposed to Roup and Sale on Friday the Sixteenth Day of December next, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, in the House of Alexander Stuart Vintner in Edinburgh, either separately or altogether, as shall be determined at the Time of the Sale; and whereof the free Rent is as follows, viz. Of the Lands and Barony of Lounan, 3 Firlots, one Peck Wheat; 77 Bolls 1 Firlot, 2 Pecks Bear; 172 Bolls Meal; 633 L. 6 sh. 8 d Scots of Money-Rent; 24 Capons; beside 156 Poultry, not valued in the Rental. Of the Lands and Barony of Ethie, 3 Bolls Wheat, 86 Bolls Bear, 119 Bolls, 2 Firlots Meal, 519 L. 13 sh. 4 d. Scots of Money-Rent, 9 Wedders, 21 Capons, 78 Elms of Linen Cloath, besides 99 Poultry, not valued in the Rental, And of the Lands and Barony of Northtarrie, 172 Bolls, 1 Peck, 2 Lippies Bear, 69 Bolls, 2 Firlots Meal; 262 L. 5 sh. 4 d. Scots of Money-rent, 16 Capons, 9 Elms of Linen-cloth beside 15 Poultry, not valued in the Rental. All the saids Lands, holding Blanche of the Crown, and lying upon the Sea-coast, near and about the Burgh of Aberbrothock; and the particular Rentals, Conditions of Sale, and Progress of the Writs, are to be seen in the Hands of William Mercer Writer in Edinburgh.

¶ That on the 26th of December next, betwixt the Hours of ten and twelve in the Forenoon, within the House of Robert Henderson at Keir, there is to be exposed to Sale by Way of publick Roup, the Wood of KEIR, lying two Miles North-West from Stirling, and within one Mile of Dumblane, consisting mostly of Oak, and some fine Ashes. The Articles of Roup to be seen at George Robertson of Craigernhall, at his House at the Park of Keir.

¶ That on the 22d Day of December next, betwixt the Hours of two and four in the Afternoon, in the House of Mrs. Don Vintner in Edinburgh, there is to be sold by publick voluntary Roup, the Lands of Laghall, Nether-ton, Boigs, Priestlands, Redbrae, Woodhead and Miln Armanoch and Marchmont, with a Salmond Fishing on the Water of Nith, paying 107 L. 6 sh. 8 d. Sterl. of Yearly free Rent, beside Kains and Casualties, holden of the Crown Taxward, lying within a Mile or thereby of the Burgh of Dumfries, the greatest Part thereof betwixt the Waters of Nith and Crigin, in the Parish of Troquaire and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright. The Progress of the Writs with the Rental and Conditions of Sale, to be seen in the Hands of Thomas Goldie Writer to the Signet at his Writing Chamber in Edinburgh.

¶ That a good Coach Gelding, going six Years old, and two Coach Mares, who never were shod, the one going five, the other six; to be sold. Enquire at the Author o